

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Renumber existing Figures 1 and 2 as Figures 23 and 24, respectively.

Please insert new Figures 1 to 22B as set forth on the enclosed sheets.

REMARKS

The material referred to in the PCT references and U.S. applications has been inserted by amendment in respect of WO 93/03566 and WO 93/03567. The relevant part of the description is common to all three applications. The material included in WO 93/03567 has not been inserted.

As a consequence, the original Figures 1 and 2 filed with the present application have been renumbered as Figures 23 and 24. Enclosed, for the Examiner's approval, is a marked-in-red print of FIGS. 1 and 2.

The structure which is referred to as not being provided is contained within the amendment as are the plural ports.

Takeuchi, et al. does not provide means whereby each input port may be switched to any output port and is specifically limited to a packet switch. Further, it is impossible to connect the rotator of Beshai, et al. to the switch of Takeuchi as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled and a new claim 8, which combines the features of claims 1 and 2, has been presented.

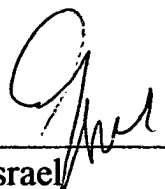
To attempt to include the rotator of Beshai in the switch of Takeuchi would result in a switch not recognizable as either.

The Examiner's arguments regarding the previous remarks made are not considered to be reasonable in the circumstances and he is asked to reconsider these arguments.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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